Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, starting at line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

According to the invention, ~~said~~ the object is achieved ~~according to the characterizing part of claim 1 in connection with its preamble~~ in that a deflection roller for a traction mechanism drive comprises an annular body, against a lateral surface of which the traction mechanism, in particular a belt, bears, that has a rolling bearing, which is comprised of an inner ring and an outer ring. The outer ring is enclosed by a holding bore of the annular body, and a deflection roller is fixed to a screw-on surface by means of a fastening screw which extends through a holding bore of the inner ring and a holding bore of a spacer sleeve. The distance between the screw-on surface and the deflecting roller is determined by an axial extent of the spacer sleeve which is held against the deflecting roller by means of a transport securing means. Additionally, a guide collar of the spacer sleeve is held by the holding bore of the inner ring, and the guide collar has a recess in which an elastic holding element is inserted, ~~said~~ the elastic holding element bearing against the holding bore of the inner ring under preload.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, starting at line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

Further advantageous embodiments of the invention are described ~~in the following subclaims~~ below.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, starting at line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

~~It emerges from claims 2 and 3 that~~ According to a further feature of the invention, the holding element is to be formed as a slotted holding ring or as a plastic O-ring. These can be produced in a particularly simple manner or are available cost-effectively on the market as bought-in parts in any desired size. In addition, assembly is cost-effective, since the holding elements can be inserted into the recess in a simple manner.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, starting at line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

According to a further feature of the invention ~~according to claim 4~~, in the region of its screw head, the fastening screw is to be centered by means of a guide step which is fitted into the holding bore of the inner ring. This simplifies assembly of the deflecting roller on the stop face of an engine.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, starting at line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

According to a further feature of the invention ~~according to claim 5~~, a shoulder of the spacer sleeve is to be supported against an end side of the inner ring. This embodiment of the spacer sleeve provides precise transmission of axially acting forces from the fastening screw via the inner bearing ring, the spacer sleeve and the stop face of the engine.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, starting at line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

~~It emerges from claim 6 that~~ According to a further feature of the invention, the spacer sleeve is produced from an aluminum material. As a result of the relatively low specific weight of the aluminum material, this contributes to a weight saving, even if only slight.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, at line 38, with the following amended paragraph:

Finally, according to a final feature of the invention, ~~according to claim 7 it is provided that~~ the rolling bearing is formed as a single-row deep groove ball bearing which is sealed off at both sides and whose ball bearings are guided in a cage. Standard versions of deep groove ball bearings of said type are available cost-effectively as bought-in parts in a very wide variety of sizes.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, starting at line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

Finally, the complete deflecting roller 1 also includes the fastening screw 12, whose shank 12.1 is provided at the right-hand side with a thread (not illustrated in more detail) and is connected at the left-hand side to the screw head ~~12.1~~ 12.2. The latter merges into the guide step 12.3 which is enclosed by the holding bore 5.1 of the inner ring 5, so that the fastening screw 12 is centered in a simple manner when it is inserted into the rolling bearing 2.